-ANECDOTES AND LETTERS. The latest numbers of the English literary weeklies reaching these shores\_devote more or less space to the late Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, otherwise Lewis Carroll. Though he was, of all recluse souls, the shyest, it is safe to say that the author of the "Alice" books would not have winced under appreciation generally so sympathetic, even affeccomments of that usually aerid sheet, "The Saturit declares Carroll has attracted to himself the Carroll at dinner at Christchurch, crabbel age and the youth of his generation. The only Alice-in-Wonderlandy the

that let us this rendering of the said. It has arture from tradition, arture from tradition, all true fairy tale this may be said. It has all true fairy tale this may be said. It has all true fairy tale this may be not the meeting-ish readers, rather, it has been the meeting-ish readers, the meeting through which the man's fairy-be d. almost studious-

"The Saturday" elsewhere sets forth a fact which of the period:

affection, approaching even to adoration. He wrote graphed by Major Robinson, is as follows: Wonderland' to give pleasure to two le little daughters of Dean Liddell, the The Adjutant-General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

"Mr. C. L. Dedgron begs to say, in reply to Mr. Caine's letter rece by this morning, that he had never put his name to any such pieces as are named by Mr. Caine. His published writings are exclusively mathematical, and would not be suitable for such a volume as Mr. Caine proposes to edit."

edit."

Against this rebuff might be placed the following letter to a child (written in 1876), wherein the guiff existing between the two personalities is at once emphasized and removed, but it must be remembered that Mr. Dedoson would do for a child what he would be a do for a child what emphasized and removed, but it must be remembered that Mr. Dodgson would do for a child what he would not do for any one else:

"My Dear Masdalen: I want to explain to you why I did, not call vesterday. I was sorry to mins you, but, you see, I had so many conversations on the way. I tried to explain to the people in the street that I was going to see you, but they wouldn't listen, they said they were in a burry, which was rude. At last I met a wheelbarrow that I thought would attend to me, but I couldn't make out what was in it. I saw some features at first. Then I looked through a telescope and found it was a countenance; then I looked through a microscope and found it was a face! I thought it was rather like me, so I fetched a large locking-glass to make sure, and then to my great joy. I found it was Me. We shook hands and were just beginning to talk when Miyrelf came up and joined us, and we had quite a pleasant conversation. I said, 'Do you remember when we all ract at Sandown.' And Myself said, 'It was very joily there; there was a child called Magdalen,' and Me said. I used to like her a little. Not much, you know—only a little. Then it was time for us to go to the train—and who do you think came to the station to see us off? You would never guess, so I must tell you. They were two very dear friends of mine, who happened to be here just now, and beg to be allowed to sign this letter as your affectionate friends. Lewis Carroll and C. L. Dodgson.'

as your affectionate friends, Lewis Carroll and C. L. Dodgson.

His mathematical works were numerous and valuable, although his championship of Fuelld against more modern systems of geometry is held by many to be fanissic. Mr. Dodgson had many of the eccentricules which so often accommany proficiency in his particular science, and many good stories are told of him at Oxford. He was a watchful guardian of Oxford's honor, and used occasionally to put forth a whimsical pamphlet in which some phase of the University's wellbeing was examined. These productions were always witty and marvellously ingenious. Mr. Dodgson was shy and reserved, a resolute cellbate, a man of few friends but fit, and the patron saint of children, Incidentally we might mention that he liked them all to be familiar with Lewis Carroll's writings. His hobbies, after mathematics, which he looked upon both as work and play, were photography and the stage. His photographs of children must be wellnigh countless. Mr. Dodgson—as sage, as with and as saint—will be mourned by those who knew him, as Lewis Carroll will be mourned by readers all the world over.

A correspondent of "The Academy" says that few of Oxford's famous men have been so incon-

few of Oxford's famous men have been so incon-spicuous in her midst. "Froude was constantly be observed; even Walter Pater was known by sight to a large part of the undergraduate world; but I scarcely remember to have seen 'Lewis Car-rell' half a dozen times in the street."

In Oxford his works enjoyed a surprising popularity, and formed the storehouse for undergraduate nicknames. In my own day it even became the fashion for a man to set them in foolish paradox by the side of Shakespeare, when incaultously questioned on his preferences in letters. "The Hunting of the Snark" was popularly supposed to contain all the metaphysics in the world. I once heard a distinguished college authority explain his course of lighter reading during one vacation. "The first week" he said, "I read Sylvie and Bruno." "And then," some one asked. "And then," he said, "I read the Second Part. " "And then," he murmured in doubt—"then," brightening up, "ah, then, I went back to "Through the Looking-Glass."

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labor. Mr. Tenniel, again, is square and grim and uncouth in his illustrations, howbeit clever, even sometimes to the verge of grandeur, as is the artist's habit. We fancy that any real child might be more puzzled than enchanted by this stiff, over-

its Philistine attitude. It publishes a very short and very cool obituary notice, apparently feeling the necessity of supporting a character for consistency at the expense of its reputation for critical acumen. The most interesting thing in the short notice is its statement of what most people have forgotten-that "Lewis Carroll" is an ana gram on Mr. Dodgson's Christian names Latinized,

day Review." More than any other English writer to reminiscences by an old Oxonian, who once met

Those who knew Lewis Carroll best knew, as one of his friends has said, how behind all his varied activities lay a deep background of religion—"a religion severely quiet and retiring, like his character." Something of the feeling shines through the sweet and manly words he addressed as "An Easter Greeting" in 1806, to "Every Child." That Loves Alice":

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If I have written anything to add to those stories of innocent and healthy amusement that are laid up in books for the children I love so well, it is surely something I may hope to look back upon without shame and sorrow has how much of life must then be recalled!) when my turn comes to walk through the valley of shadows.

I do not believe God means us to divide life into two halves—to wear a grave face on Sunday and to think it out of place to even so much as mention Him on a weekday. Do you think He cares to see only kneeling figures, and to hear only tones of prayer, and that He does not also love to see the lambs leaping in the sunlight, and to hear the merry voices of the children as they roll among the hay? Surely their innocent laughter is as sweet in His ears as the grandest anthem that ever rolled up from the "dim religious light" of some solemn cathedral.

DISTRESS IN THE KLONDIKE

A REPORT FROM THE WAR DEPART-MENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WORSE THAN HAD BEEN SUSPECTED PREPARATIONS FOR RELIEF EXPEDITIONS FULLY JUSTIFIED.

Washington, Feb. 1.-General Merriam, under instructions from Acting Secreary Meiklejohn, yesterday opened at Seattle the dispatches brought by special messenger from Captain Ray, the Department's representative in the Klondike, and forwarded an abstract of them to the War Dapartment by telegraph. Mr. Meiklejohn was so impressed with the statements that he subed the dispatch at once to Secretary Alger, and House, where 't was considered at the Cabinet neeting to-day. It is said at the Department that the report fully justifies all that has been done by Secretary Alger and Assistant Secretary Meikle john under the authority conferred by Congress to relieve the distress in the Klondike. The report of Captain Ray is particularly ac-

duty, this report is taken as establishing large is the task that remains to to advise Congress as to the facts, and place on and means to meet the exigencies of the case.

ton, D. C. Complying with telegram of to-day, five letters and two puckages from Captain P. H. Ray, addressed to you, in hands of special courier, E. H. was his wish that the Lewis Carroll of his books should be kept apart from the Rev. Charles Dodgson of his private life, and "The Academy" mentions a proof of this desire, which is to be found in the letter he wrote to Mr. R. H. Caine, the editor of a collection of humorous verse, who asked him for permission to reprint some of his pieces in that volume.

Mr. Caine received this reply:

and two packages from Captain P. H. Ray, addressed to you, in hands of special courier, E. H. Wells, intercepted by me. Substance as follows: Latest bear date of November 2 and 3, refer to action and attempted robbery of cachés, recommend that United States Government take steps in that volume. All skid of all persons not fully supplied to last two years. Give as reason no way to earn a living and that no pincer discoveries have been made within last eight months, either in Alaska or the Northwest Territory.

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There is no employment for any large number of people in any capacity. All values are specificity. There is no fixed standard for labor. There is no fixed standard for labor. There is no fixed standard for labor. There is not now or likely to be within twelve months dequate or efficient means of supplying people ow in Alaska or Northwest Territory. Is of ploton that about 7 per cent of all people who ave entered during last year have earned their ving, and hundreds are now scattered along the vier destitute of food, clothing and money. People counting in have not had faintest conception last to do to earn a living, and after spending loney they bring, become dazed and helpless, takes rush will be great the next year, and any together a will prevent people from coming in their morance will be an act of charity. In view of recent developments and knowledge hat the lawless are banding together along the lawrence of robberty, renew suggestion for lavernment placing on the river small-draught learners with high power, armed and used to altor fiver, and the placing of detachments as he movement of people demands.

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GOLD FOUND IN MORE RIVERS. GOLD FOUND IN MORE RIVERS.

DISCOVERIES REPORTED IN STREAMS RUNNING STARTING, Said:

"The greatest drawback to the country now is

found gold in large quantities in the Hay, Buffa's and other rivers running this Great Slave Lake, seven hundred miles from Prince Albert. The news comes through Bishop Pascal, and is considered trustworthy

MORE REINDEER FOR ALASKAN TRAVEL. The steamship Hekla, of the Thingvalla Line, arrived yesterday from Christiansand and Copenhagen. She had on board thirty-five reindeer, which

be thrown overboard, but insisted that they should be kept until he had an opportunity to skin them. He was busy yesterday doing this, and intends to complete his outfit with the skins thus obtained. The owner of the deer has gone to Washington in an effort to have them admitted free of duy. A shipment of one hundred reinder over the same line is expected next week. This lot is for the Government's experiment to transport supplies in the Klondike.

NEWS FROM MR. KEENE'S EXPERT.

Letters are coming from the Klondike with com-paratively little delay. James R. Keene, the Wall Street operator, has an expert at Dawson City, who writes under date of December 11 that investigation proves the country to be richer than has been anticipated, and that the gold is by no means Bruno." "And then?" some one asked. "And then." he said. "I read the "Second Fart." "And then?" "And then?" he murmured in doubt—" "Through the Looking-Glass."

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confined to the Yukon and the Klondike region proper, or to Canadian territory. It exists all through the region in large quantity. The crying red district, the letter says, is for supplies of all kinds and for machinery. It is expected that been with much enthusiasm. "The Times" praised Tenniel's drawings highly, but remarked of the text only that it was "an excellent piece of nonsense." "The Athenseum" gave the book a slap after this fashion:

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RAILROADS AT LOGGERHEADS. THE WESTERN LINES AND THE CANADIAN PACIFIC HAVE NOT YET SETTLED

THEIR DIFFERENCES.

senger Association on the other. The Western roads met to-day for the purpose of considering rates to Alaska, and had invited the Canadian Pa-cific to be present. That road declined, and after some discussion a resolution was adopted by the meeting, to the effect that the only thing under the circumstances was to learn just what the Canadian Pacific demanded before it would meet with the Western roads. This plan was adopted, and a tele gram was sent to General Passenger Agent Mc Nicholl of the Canadian Pacific asking that he in form the meeting specifically what his line desired before it would discuss the Alaska matters.

The reply of Mr. McNicholl will be, as all the Western roads understood at the time of sending excessive commissions on North Pacific coast business and took out the reduced rates which, he ness and took out the reduced rates which, he charges, they have been making. The meeting will convene to-morrow to consider the reply of the Canadian Pacific. The Western roads are a unit in saying that if the Canadian Pacific had been present at the meeting it might have saved its differentials, for which it has been fighting, but now they are not disposed to allow them, and if that road is looking for a fight it is likely to get all it cares for.

THE BERNER'S BAY COMPANY'S TROUBLE. Sitka, Alaska, Jan. 21, via San Francisco, Feb. 1 Treadwell, is the largest gold-mining concern in Alaska. Owing to alleged mismanagement the company recently went into the hands of a re-ceiver. The employes of the Berner's Hay Mining and Milling Company, one of the Nowell Company's pury United States marshal has gone to Ber r of the mine. The latest news from Berner's Bay is that the difficulty is in a fair way to peace ful adjustment. Hoston, New-York and San Fran-cisco capital is interested in the Nowell Gold Min-ing Company. The assets of the company, accord-ing to the receiver's account, are \$3,341,020 and the habilities \$1,346,808.

Chicago, Feb. 1.-Thirty-one prospectors, under way of Winniper to Calgarry, in Western British motive-power, is in waiting to take the party and its freight over the one thousand miles of snow and ice to its destination, at the headwaters of the Pelly River. It is expected that the trip over-land will take sixty days. A farewell dinner to and will take sixty days. A farewell dinner to the prespectors was given at the Tremont House. The men who are bound for the goldfields repre-sent almost every trade. Two are expert and practical miners.

A SLED TO RUN BY STEAM POWER. Seattle, Wash, Feb. 1-A party of thirty-four from Stamford, Conn., have arrived here, and have purchased the schooner Moonlight, on which they will sail next Thursday for the mouth of the Copper River. They have with them a snowsled with a twenty-horse-power engine. The sled weighs about seven tons, and is propelled by a stern wheel fitted with spikes to catch in the ice, with paddles for snow.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE COVERNMENT. New-Carlisle, Ind., Feb. 1.-Frank Phiscator, the Klondike king, of Baroda, near this city, who sold his claim for \$1.00,000, has started for Alaska with a company of prospectors. He was recently in Washington conferring with Secretary Alger in regard to explorations in Alaska. He agreed to accompany a party of explorers in the interest of March 1 to begin their work. Phiscator, before

INTO GREAT SLAVE LAKE.

Winniper, Man. Peb. 1.—News has reached Regina to-day that the first party of persons bound for the Yukon by the Prince Albert route have the first party of persons bound to the greater part of my time, and I will devote the greater part of my time.

SOUTHERN COTTON MARKETS.

Norfolk, Peb 1.—Cotton steady; middling 5/gc; low middling 5 l-10c; good ordinar, 4/gc. Receipts, 1.181 bales, exports constrained, 1.107 bales, middling, 5/gc; bales, stock, 66/871 bales, —Cotton pominal; middling, 5/gc; low bales, grown 3/gc; low bales, exports constraine, 2,000 bales, stock, 20,805 bales, by the low middling, 5/gc; low bales, grown and the stock, 20,805 bales, low bales, grown and the stock, 20,805 bales, low bales, problems of 3/gc. Finek, 30,805 bales. Publishelphia, Feb. 1.—Cotton quiet, midding, 6-3-16c; low midding, 5-3-16c; good ordinary, 4-13-16c. Receipta, 186 bules, etock, 9,535 bales. died from various causes on the voyage.

The deer are in charge of a Laplander named Kreutz, who brings them over on the order of E. D. Scroggle, of Montreal. Several tons of prepared food, consisting of mess and meal mixed, were brought along to feed the animals. The deer were confined in pens between decks during the voyage, and at times caused considerable trouble by breaking loose from the pens. Kreutz would not allow the bodies of the animals that died on the trip to be thrown overboard, but insisted that they should be kept until he had an opportunity.

Cincinnati. Feb. 1.—Cotton quiet; middling, 5 bc. low middling, 5 bc. low middling, 5 bc. low shipments, 2,646 bales; stock, 8,372 bales; 2,146 bales; St. Louis, Feb. 1.—Cotton steady middling, 5 bc.; low middling, 5 bc.; good ordinary, 4 bc. Net recepts, 864 bales, gross, 5,764 bales, shipments, 5,556 bales; sales, 200 bales; stock, 72,151 bales. EUROPEAN PRODUCE MARKETS.

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Liverpaol, Feb. 1, 3:45 p. m.—Bechange, Wheat—Spot firm, No 2 red Western winter firm at 7s 193-51. No 1 red Northern spiring, Se. Corn—Spot American mixed new quiet at 3s 4 45d, do old dull at 3s 4 4-6, fatures eteady; February, Js 3d; March, Is 2:4d. Flour—St. Louis fancy winter firm at 9s 5d. Hops at London—Pacific Coast firm at 44 Ke-945. Beef—Extra India mess firm at 66s 3d; perime mess firm at 56s 3d; perime mess, firm at 66s 3d; perime mess, firm at 66s 3d; perime mess, medium Western, firm at 45s. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 P., steady at 36s. Baccon firm Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 fb. 25s (class firm), 35 to 38 fb. 25s, long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 fb. 28 6d; short fb. 5d; backs, 15 to 18 fb. 25s; clear bellies, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. dull, at 31s, shoulders square, 12 to 14 fb. Steady at 25s. Land—Frime Western full at 25s 3d. Cheese—American finest white and colored dull at 42s. Tallow—Frime city firm at 10s. Cottonesed oil—Liverpool refined dull at 16s. Turpentine—Spirits firm at 24s 6d. Rosin—Common steady at 4s 14d.

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS.

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This is a dream-story, but who can in cold blood, manufacture a dream, with all its loops and ties, and loose threads, and entanglements, and incomplished the can be considered. The constant of the control of the Cripple Creek district during January was, in round figures \$1.200,000. The dividends there is preferred, 40% was, in round figures \$1.200,000. The dividends are resulted by eleven mining companies operating there amounted to \$110,000, while fully \$75,000 more.

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